

METHODIST CHURCH LOG HOUSE

AL-VI-B-048
Church Hill, Midland
ca. 1850

The Methodist Church Log House originally consisted of a one and a half story, rectangular shaped log structure. The building is believed to have been built by the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company circa 1850. The C & P company had completed this portion of their line from Frostburg to Lonaconing in 1857 and it totaled nine miles. The coal and railroad companies provided housing for their employees during their building era in Alleghany County, and a small cluster are still standing by the track on Church Hill in Midland, Maryland.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Methodist Church Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Church Hill

CITY, TOWN

Midland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER

Meeting Room

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Methodist Church of Midland

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Church Hill

CITY, TOWN

Midland

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 291

Folio #: 432

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Methodist Church Log House was originally constructed as a rectangular, one and a half story log house upon a low stone foundation. The south-facing structure is located on Church Hill in Midland, directly next to the United Methodist Church. Several additions underlain by cement blocks now abut the structure, including a one story shed-roofed section in the rear and a semi-enclosed wrap around hipped roof porch on two sides. The entire structure is now covered by asbestos siding. Replaced double hung wooden sash frames with three over one lights are featured throughout the structure. The main entrance, including a vertical paneled door with four lights, is now located on the front enclosed portion of the wrap around porch. A simple gabled roof and soffit cover the main block; replaced asphalt shingling now covers the roof. The house has one original corbeled brick chimney located on the outside end of the rear addition.

The Methodist Church Log House has been greatly altered since its construction as a one and a half story log structure. It is currently structurally sound and is in good condition.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Methodist Church Log house is believed to have been built circa 1850 as a Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company House.¹ During the building era of the coal and railroad companies, housing was provided for the employees. Most of the houses were basic rectangular structures, erected usually of the most readily available materials: logs, stone or clapboards.

The C & P Railroad consisted of four main tracks each built in different years. The stretch of track which this site is located is the track from Frostburg to Lonaconing. The track laid from the Borden Yard (Frostburg) to Lonaconing was nine miles long and was completed in 1857.² The houses served as residences for the railworkers during the years of construction of the track only. The houses were sold soon after track completion and many are now remodeled private residences.

The railroad served the booming coal industry well and included an adequate passenger service. The Cumberland & Pennsylvania Railroad holds a deep seated place in the heritage of Allegany County and was operational until mid 1940's.³

1 Interview with Mr. Raymond Schurg, November 30, 1976.

2 Hunt, J. William "Across the Desk", Cumberland News & Evening Times
9/10/61 & 4/25/65

3 Ibid

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
 Hunt, J. William "Across the Desk", Cumberland News & Evening Times

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .29 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/7/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-VI-B-048

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DATE: 11/30/76

29 Ave

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: METHODIST CHURCH LOG HOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: CHURCH HILL, MIDLAND

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SOUTH

NAME OF OWNER: UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MIDLAND

ADDRESS: CHURCH HILL, MIDLAND

STORIES: 1(☒) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

WAP AROUND HIPPED PORCH, SEMI-ENCLOSED
1 STORY SHED ROOF

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

C + P Railroad
(Candler + Ramsey Lane)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- (☒) LOG
- (☒) Other: Coverings Asbestos Siding

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE concrete block

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

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ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced(☒)

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LENSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORBELED(☒) original(☒) replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end(☒) Central() Interior ()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Church Storage

Significance - Arch Ind.

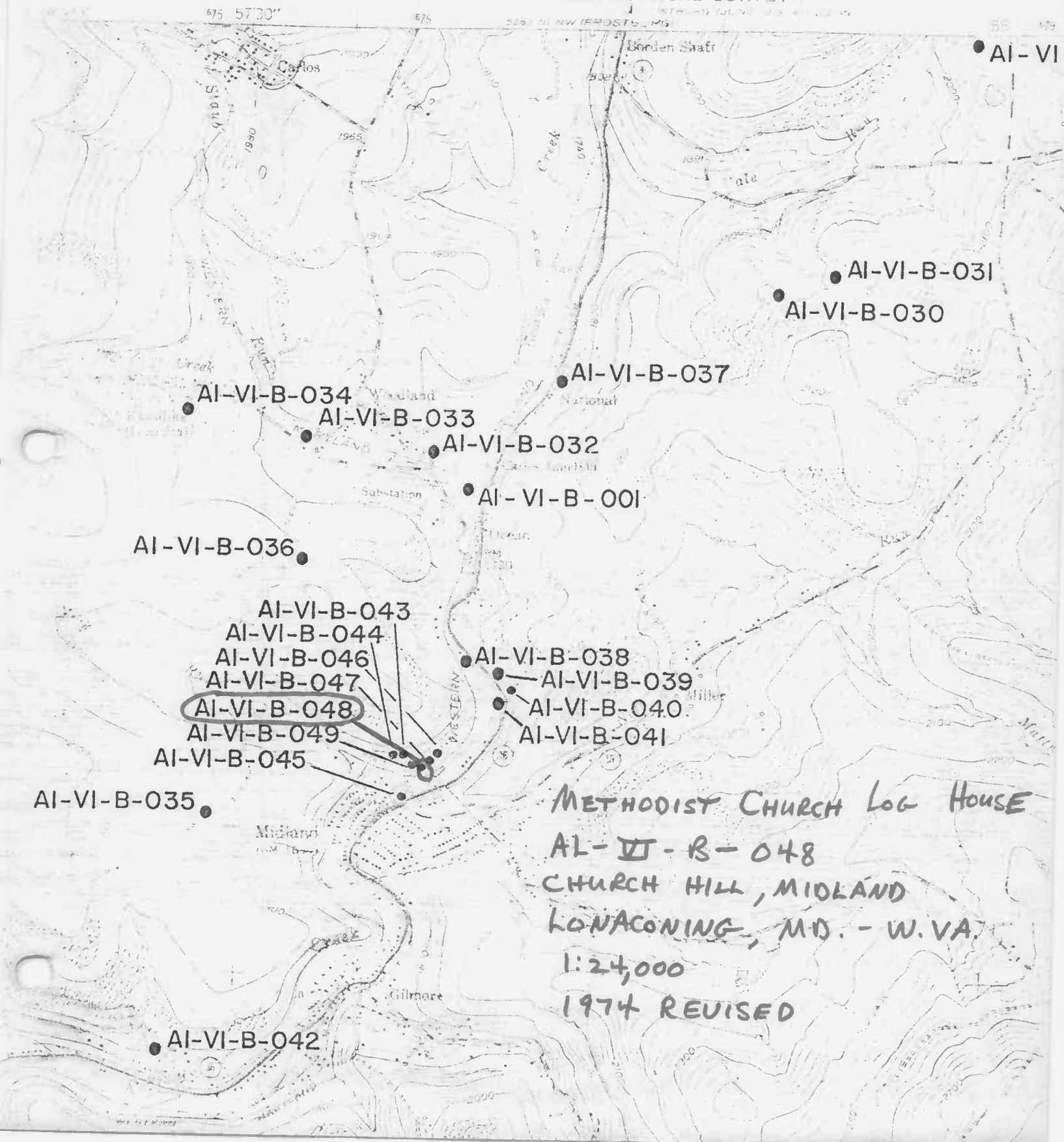
Date Constructed - 1850 CA

Condition - Good

ROSS FAMILY

SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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Church Hill, Midland

John Nelson

11/30/76

Northwest